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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 23, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for reply expired on January 23, 2010, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document. Please amend the application as follows.